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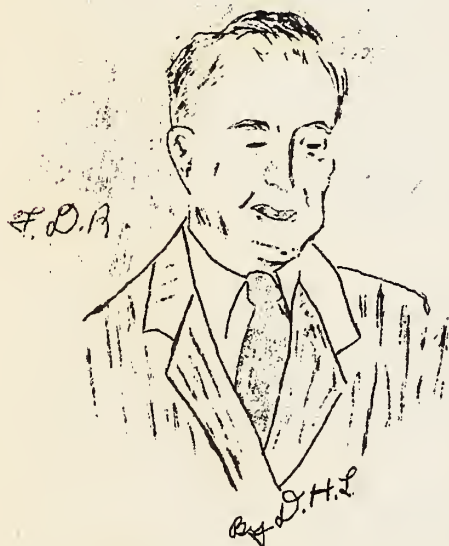
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THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT

VISIT THE 1940 CAMPERS



We delegates certainly had the most thrilling experience of our National Camp days and probably the most wonderful experience of our lives when President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt visited our Camp Friday.

Although we had heard rumors that there would be important visitors to Camp, we did not realize the President and First Lady of our country were coming until we returned from our visit to the Washington Cathedral. National Camp grounds were overflowing with policemen and we were hustled behind ropes into place while the boys rolled up their tent flags. Everyone waited on tiptoe until we finally saw the police escort arriving. Then the President's automobile drove in amid the clapping and cheering of all the delegates.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt were accompanied by Mr. Josephus Daniels, United States Ambassador to Mexico.

As the car stopped and the five bodyguards jumped from the running board, Miss Gertrude Warren stepped forward and shook hands with President Roosevelt. David Landers of Oxford, N. Y., accompanied by Virginia Graham of Whitman County, Wash., gave President Roosevelt, on behalf of the 4-H campers, a memory book of National Camp and a picture of his son Jimmie on his yacht, which was given by the California delegation.

David expressed the feelings of all the campers when he told the President how glad we were to have him with us and invited him to come back next year. The President smiled and said, "You know this is not my first visit to 4-H camps. I have visited them in almost every part of the country.

"I want to repeat to you what our Ambassador to Mexico just said to me. He said, 'You know there are some countries in the world - without mentioning any names, that are organizing young people, young men and young women, for all kinds of work under government regimentation. We, in this country, are carrying on a great deal of this work without government regimentation.'


"That is why this organization and other young people's organizations that are run under the principles of self-government instead of regimentation are doing such a wonderful job for the United States. And I believe that this 4-H Club work all over the country, in every county that I know anything about, is one of the most valuable contributions that we are making to the future of the Nation."

Miss Elizabeth White of Mecklenburg, Va., accompanied by Wallace H. Kleinhans of Sheboygan County, Wis., presented the First Lady with a bouquet of roses and a bound book of enlarged photographs, "4-H Clubs Build for the Future." After thanking the campers for the flowers, Mrs. Roosevelt made a tour of the camp with Miss Warren.

President Roosevelt asked some of the boys and girls what States they were from. When David Zanders told him that he came from New York, Mr. Roosevelt said that New York is a great dairy State. Wallace Kleinhans told him that Wisconsin is a greater dairy State than New York. The President agreed with him, remarking that New York is only sixth while Wisconsin is third.

Most of the campers were greatly impressed with their friendliness, graciousness, and the President's patience with the many cameramen.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt remained about 30 minutes and then drove from National Camp, waving good-bye while all the campers cheered and waved.



Ruth Van Patten
New York

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GOOD NEWS comes from Providence Hospital that Sherwood O. Berg of Hendrum, Minn., is well on the way to recovery following an emergency operation performed late Thursday night. Sherwood was missed at the Camp when President and Mrs. Roosevelt paid the 1940 campers a surprise visit, but he was NOT forgotten. When Miss Warren told Mrs. Roosevelt about Sherwood's illness, the gracious First Lady sympathetically replied, "I'm so sorry. I shall send him some flowers." Lucky Sherwood after all!

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THRILL! THRILL! The Camp was in a bustle. The boys quickly rolled up the tents. The cameramen and photographers were all getting prepared. The officers drew up the ropes to hold the people back and everyone waited - breathlessly - patiently. Finally, a whistle sounded, then a motor motorcycle and finally the President and the First Lady drew up.

Mrs. Roosevelt looked very attractive in a wide-brimmed turquoise blue felt hat with a wine grosgrain ribbon band. Her dress was made on very plain lines with a plain neckline and three-quarter length sleeves that gathered rather fully at the shoulders. It looked

to me to be of spun rayon having a gray-blue background with wine and green figures in the material. She wore sensible brown walking shoes. Her other accessories were a purse and a novelty necklace which was made of wine cord attached to a silver ornament with more wine cord extending from that.

President Roosevelt wore a gray spring suit with a white shirt and a colored tie. His hat was made of cream-colored rough straw.

Miss Warren was attired in a white silk jacket suit with a white wide-brimmed straw hat.

Mrs. Roosevelt inspected the tents and campgrounds, and she thought they were "wonderful" and "very neat". She also took the name of the boy who is sick - Sherwood Berg of Hendrum, Minn., and is going to send him flowers.

A few of the delegates were among the more fortunate 4-H'ers who had the opportunity to speak with President Roosevelt.

Kenneth Garvin, of Texas, says: "I received one of the greatest thrills of my life when I had the privilege of speaking to Mr. Roosevelt. He is indeed a man of whom the Nation should be very proud."

Martha Allen of West Virginia, commented: "It was a thrilling experience to have the opportunity to speak with the President of the United States. I think he is most magnetic."

All the Kentucky delegates were privileged to speak with the President. (Maybe it was because of that good Kentucky ham they have that the President likes so well) Elmer McBride, Jr., of Kentucky, says, "They are really grand people and seemed to show great interest in 4-H Club work." Virginia Neih of Kentucky, said, "They seemed to be so interested and their high rank made no difference." Lorraine Harris added, "Most charming personalities of any people I have ever met and so individualistic." Byron Tapp said, "Mrs. Roosevelt was charming to accept the flowers as she did, and it was nice of the President to make a speech."

Wayne Thorndyke of Oklahoma says, "The 4-H Club members at the National Club Camp were indeed fortunate in having the opportunity of seeing the President and the First Lady of the land. In the few words which I was very fortunate in saying to the President, he seemed vitally interested in the 4-H Club movement and the problems of America and of every individual."

A Minnesotan, James Culver Sackett, is quoted as saying, "He seemed very folksy and simple in his manner."

Lezetto Lewis of Texas said, "I'm glad the President gave us the opportunity to see him and speak to him."

Rudolph Ellis of North Carolina was thrilled and said, "I really enjoyed it and I was glad he had a North Carolinian, Josephus Daniels, with him."

Helen Grimes of Montana was one of the fortunate ones to shake hands with Mrs. Roosevelt. Miss Grimes said, "Very gracious person, unaffected in manner."

The President greeted the Colorado girls and asked them about local points of interest in Colorado.

I, too, was among the lucky few to talk with the President. He asked what State I came from and what part, what crops my father grew, and he asked about the drought situation.

David Littleton of Florida, who is the very gifted camp cartoonist, says, "President and Mrs. Roosevelt are very gracious in their speech and especially in their attitude toward the progress of the 4-H Clubs of the Nation. Much of our 4-H Club success is due to them."

A few of the elders on the camp were interviewed and here are their thoughts:

Dan Lewis of South Carolina says, "Mrs. Roosevelt is tremendously interested in youth and their development."

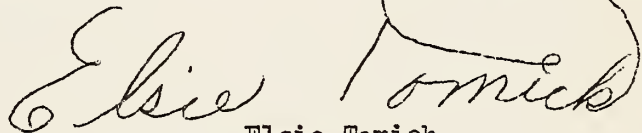
Nebraska's assistant State club leader is quoted as saying, "President Roosevelt said that the 4-H movement is contributing much to the spirit of democracy."

L. R. Harrill, State club leader of North Carolina, says, "I think it was very considerate on their part to recognize the 4-H Clubs and pay them a visit. Mrs. Roosevelt showed her real self when she took time to inspect the tents and to be considerate of the sick boy at the hospital."

Wilmer Bassett, Jr., National 4-H Club Fellow, from Florida, said, "Yesterday while Hitler was inspecting the camps of his soldiers who have set out to destroy civilization, the President of our great country was inspecting the camp of the greatest rural youth organization in the world set out to cooperate in the building of civilization. We are all proud to be citizens of these United States and to have a man so human as Mr. Roosevelt at the head of our Government. We appreciate his interest in our organization."

W. G. Waterhouse, assistant State leader from California: "Certainly a real treat to have the privilege of meeting Mrs. Roosevelt. I was amazed at her knowledge of affairs. In spite of her busy life she knew about the latest interesting activities of her children. She knew that her oldest son and daughter had won second place in the first race in which they sailed in their new boat, and that they won first place in the second race. Mr. Roosevelt certainly has a sympathetic attitude toward the problems of the youth of this country and is especially sympathetic toward 4-H Club work, which he considers one of the most democratic rural organizations."

Gertrude L. Warren: "We could never have a First Lady who is more kind or more generous than the President's wife. She is known throughout Washington for her big heart. For years she has been an ardent supporter of the 4-H Club movement. We should be proud that 4-H Club work has merited her admiration and interest." You can't help admiring Mr. Roosevelt for his sympathetic, friendly attitude, and his broad view of world affairs."



Elsie Tomich
Nebraska

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The Reverend Edward R. Wells at Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., will preach on "The Christian Answer," Sunday. It is the same sermon he preached on August 27, 1939, at Westminster Abbey in London - the last sermon given in the Abbey before the war began. Sign up for transportation at Headquarters Tent, TODAY.

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VISITING THE "FIRST HOME"

of the DEAR OLD U. S. A.

Everyone who saw the girls and boys in their green and white uniforms marching up the walk to the WHITE HOUSE knew that the 4-H Club members were experiencing a great thrill. For most of us it was our first visit to the home of our President.

We entered the reception hall and passed through the red, blue, and green rooms. We were fascinated by the antique chandeliers and furniture.

There weren't any children looking for Easter eggs on the South lawn this morning, as there are on the morning of Easter Monday, but there were many 4-H Club members having their pictures taken in small and large groups.

We were all impressed by the spaciousness and beauty of the building and grounds.

Margaret Nelson
Margaret Nelson
Minnesota.

